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APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS IN BOONE COUNTY FOR RESIDENTS 65 AND OLDER

Belvidere, IL – Officials announced today that Boone County is expanding COVID-19 vaccination to individuals age 65 and older, as part of the State of Illinois Mass Vaccination Plan’s Phase 1B. County residents 65 and older can begin scheduling appointments now for openings at clinics starting Tuesday, February 16th and thereafter.

“As the vaccine becomes available to more of our residents, the County continues its deep commitment to equity and ensuring access for our populations most at risk of contracting COVID-19,” said Amanda Mehl, Boone County Health Department Public Health Administrator. “We have successfully secured additional doses from the Illinois Department of Public Health, allowing the County to expand operations by opening a clinic in partnership with the Keen Age Center who will host the clinics and Meijer Pharmacy who will help administer vaccine to our Boone County Seniors.”

“We are coordinating efforts with our local health department to ensure those at greatest risk can be vaccinated as quickly as possible,” says Kelly Hillan, Executive Director of the Boone County Council on Aging.

The County is also partnering with two local pharmacies, O’Brien & Dobbins in Belvidere and Snyders Pharmacy in Poplar Grove, to ensure that residents can access vaccines in community-based settings.

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Thomas Felker, Pharmacist for Snyders, commented, "We are excited to finally start putting our COVID-19 vaccination plans into motion. As we start receiving vaccine, we will be proactively calling our 65 and older patients, as well as accepting telephone calls to start scheduling our COVID-19 vaccinations."

Additionally, Crusader Community Health in Belvidere will be offering the vaccine to their current patients who fall within the 65 and older population and are Boone County residents. If you are an established Crusader Community Health patient 65 and older and are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, please discuss with your Crusader provider at your next appointment. If you do not have an upcoming appointment, Crusader will be communicating with all patients 65 and older who have been seen in the last 18 months to schedule their vaccination appointment.

Due to safety and spacing requirements, all clinics are by appointment only and must be scheduled prior to arrival. Vaccination appointments for Boone County Residents 65 and over can be scheduled through any of the following:

Keen Age Center Clinics: Vaccination clinics will be held at the Boone County Council on Aging's Keen Age Center located at 2141 Henry Luckow Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008. Vaccine will be administered by the Boone County Health Department and Meijer Pharmacy, as follows:

- **Boone County Health Department:** Occurs Tuesday, February 16th. Appointments can easily be made online at <https://events.iuware.com/IL-IDPH/b1ad1b51-64d4-4d91-b283-3529b668f435/>. If you are unable to register online, you can call the Keen Age Center at 815-544-9893 or call the Boone County Health Department at 815-544-2951 (Option 6). The Boone County Health Department will soon be adding more 65 and older clinic dates. Note: the Boone County Health Department will administer the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine.
- **Meijer Pharmacy:** Occurs on Saturday, February 20th. Appointments can easily be made online at <https://clinic.meijer.com/register/CL0025> or by texting **BCCA** to **75049**. If you are unable to register online, you can call the Keen Age Center at 815-544-9893 or call the Boone County Health Department at 815-544-2951 (Option 6). Note: Meijer will administer the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

O'Brien & Dobbins Pharmacy: Vaccination clinics will be held at the pharmacy at 216 S. State St., Belvidere, IL. Make an appointment by going to their website at <https://www.obrienspharmacy.net/> or by calling 815-544-3433.

Snyders Pharmacy: Vaccination clinics will be held at the pharmacy at 13521 Il Route 76, Poplar Grove, IL. To make an appointment call 815-765-1300.

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Crusader Community Health: They will be contacting current patients who live in Boone County and fall into the 65 and over group. If you are currently a patient, you can contact them at 815-490-1600 (Select option 8).

When visiting the vaccination clinic for scheduled appointments, residents should bring their insurance card, Medicare card and their Driver's License or Photo ID which indicates their age. There is no cost for the COVID-19 vaccine and individuals without insurance will not be turned away.

"The ability to quickly expand access to vaccination in Boone County depends on the supply of vaccine." said Mehl. "Now that we have received additional doses from the state, we are allocating 1,500-1,700 initial doses for clinics designated for Seniors 65 and older".

The County's COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard [linked HERE](#) is updated daily with information about vaccine allocation and administration by healthcare providers throughout the county.

Boone County residents, who have not already done so, are encouraged to sign-up to receive ongoing, county-focused communications regarding COVID-19 and vaccine information at www.forwardboone.org.

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About the Boone County Health Department

The Boone County Health Department is a local health department committed to serving the health needs of its almost 54,000 residents. Established in 1966, we promote and protect the health of the people and the communities in Boone County, right here, where they live, work, learn and play.